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PRESIDENT: Amendment is adopted. Back to you Senator Marvel. What's up, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is another amendment offered by Senator Carpenter on page 14, ..page 17, it amends line 9, line 14 and line 1 on page 18

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move for the adoption of the amendment. Now this amendment appropriates a million dollars. And I would presume anyone who makes that suggestion ought to have a reason for it. IN the Tax Commissioners office, because of a lack of money, and the lack of personnel, and I think a lack of desire. They have not been auditing, the sale or the income tax reports by the various citizens of the State of Nebraska. This morning I got this figures from the departments, which I prove, presume are only accurate, which takes care of only 1973. One year. There is 49,500 monthly and quarterly sales tax licenses issued. And of that amount in 1973, only 211 were audited. 211 out of 49,500.

(End Belt 8A)

(Start Belt 9A)

PRESIDENT: Body keep the order, Senator Carpenter has the floor.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now it seems to me that this bears some scrutiny on the part of this body, because we have the responsibility and facts to be sure ~~tha~~ the things that we require to be supervised to provides. And the only place we can do it is in the Budget or Appropriations Bill and earmark it for a common purpose. Now, I've been the business in retail business in the state of Nebraska for, since this inception of this sales tax law. I have never once been audited by the Tax Commissioners office. Even though I have asked for an audit. I have reason to believe that there are somewhat of a gross violation of this law. Maybe not by intent, but just as bad. It is not being enforced. The law of course gives those the opportunity to avoid to..but not to evade. We all realize were are in business here periodically. If the state does not audit our sales tax accounts, to determine the legality of the exemptions we take over a period of time, it's going to get pretty loose, and loose it is. Now it's my humble judgement that I cannot prove it to you, and if you will pass this bill with these appropriations earmarked for two specific purposes. In every for the year which this only applies to one year we will recover, or at least we should recover a good deal more than the appropriation. Now I think it's a horrible thing where you have 49,500 licenses. Senator Burbach h, when did this sales tax law go into affect. Approximately, what year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach yield to a question.

SENATOR BURBACH: It went on in 1967